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The Half Not Told.

To the Editor of the Times-Union:

I have only to say that I am more hopeful of Florida's great future than ever before. Not a few consider that the late meeting of the American Pomological Society was a great event for Florida. One enthusiastic member said: "I shall date the real opening of my eyes to the wonders of our great country from the meeting at Ocala; and each day as I have gone over parts of South Florida, I am more amazed at the future possibilities of this wonderful State. Not our fruit-growing possibilities alone will feel the impetus when such men as Dr. F. M. Hexamer, editor of the *American Agriculturist*; F. M. Temple of Somerville, Mass., of well known botanical fame; and our venerable president, Benjamin G. Smith of Cambridge, stand amazed at what they have seen, and say, "We must own some of this climate. Where we see such wonders in plant life, such developments in a few short years, we shall come again and stay longer," was the one key of the story told a day or two since as this distinguished party looked over some of the country bordering on Lake Jesup and contiguous to Sanford.

By the usual courtesy of the officers of the South Florida Railroad, a special train was put at the disposal of the visitors. They went to Dr. Foster's grove at Lake Charm, where some took carriages and drove around the lake and others spent all the time to the last minutes looking over Mr. T. L. Mead's large collection of palms and orchids. On their return the party made a brief call at B. F. Whitner's grove, where Dr. Hexamer, Prof. Temple and others saw for the first time some of the most symmetrical and largest loquat trees in our country. All too quickly was heard "all aboard."

The party then stopped at Onoró. They lunched at Denmen, and looked through the grove, and then went to Belair, and looked at the date palms

in bloom and other more rare and beautiful ones, till the day was spent, only reaching Sanford just in time to be out of the way of the Cuban fast mail.

Prof. Temple said in my presence to the Bishop of Minnesota: "If anyone had written the half of what we have seen to-day, I should not have believed it."

The members of the American Pomological Society, from all accounts, seem to have had a good chance to see all there was to see of Florida, so far as their time permitted, and if we may judge from the remarks of some of them they have gone away very favorably impressed, and enthusiastic in their praise of Florida as a pomologist's paradise. They recognized, of course, that so new a country must necessarily show crudities and half-developed possibilities, but to their practiced eyes the accomplished facts were quite sufficient to enable them to forecast with reasonable certainty a very brilliant future. It is safe to say that many of them will return, and not a few will eventually establish places of their own here, to the great benefit of our future development in the line of their work, for they are men who wherever they go are always at work, investigating, experimenting, and making improvements. The more we can induce to come the better, and in time to come we may look back to the Ocala meeting as marking the beginning of a new era in Florida fruit growing.

Florida as a Refuge.

The Rev. Dr. Edward E. Hale, at a meeting in Boston, has just made some remarks which place the relations of Florida to the North in a new light. Persons speak of the advantages of the State as a winter resort for invalids of a consumptive tendency, but it is always with the idea that a trip to Florida is one of the privileges of the few, and entirely optional with

the individual. Dr. Hale takes a different view. Reviewing Boston's death rate from sundry diseases, he holds it a duty which the community owes to itself, to diminish the percentage, and he believes that by the use of sanitary measures, a very great reduction is possible. With regard to consumption, he thinks the death rate from this disease might be reduced one-half. He proposes a system of transfers to a warmer climate, and says that consumptive persons, to whom the cold weather might prove fatal, should be sent every winter to Florida.

The unqualified way in which Dr. Hale designates Florida as the resort for consumptives, is very striking, and should have much weight with those who can afford to spend the winter in the State. There are numberless instances in which persons apparently with a very short lease of life, have gone to Florida and attained robust health in its favorable climate. Florida's value as a sanitarium can hardly be overestimated.—*The South*

Winter Park Methodist Episcopal Church.

After several disappointments and vexations, but unavoidable delays, the Trustees of this church have at last received their building plans, and they may be inspected by any one interested, at C. J. Ladd's store.

The structure is to be built on a lot 118 by 120 feet, already fenced, at the corner of Rollins and Comstock avenues, between the Winter Park Company's office and the College.

A good sized subscription has been made in cash, labor and material, and a balance of only about eight hundred dollars is needed to insure the erection of the church free of debt. It is earnestly desired to begin work at an early date, and have it ready for occupancy before midsummer.

Contributions of friends desiring to aid the enterprise may be sent to James Roman, Royd R. Thayer or Chas. J. Ladd, Winter Park.

Canned Oranges.

The following from a California paper furnishes a good suggestion to Florida orange growers who don't know what to do with the "culls" and "windfalls." "Last spring Lucky Baldwin, who owns a large ranch in the San Gabriel valley, on which is an orange grove in bearing, put up two hundred cans of oranges, using a canning process similar to that used for other fruits. These cans, says the *Riverside Press*, he sent East to the principal cities in the Atlantic States, and it is now reported that he has more orders for canned oranges than he can put up from his own orchard. The fruit is taken from the rind, divided into sections and put into cans. When taken from the cans it is ready for use. The orange peel can be dried, and thus it becomes an article of commerce and nothing is lost. If this process meets with public approval, so that a market can be found for large quantities of canned oranges at a price that leaves a good margin for the producer, the industry may become a profitable one, and an outlet is made for much fruit that will not sell readily in its fresh state. Canning oranges is no new industry in Louisiana, as some of the principal packers, notably Messrs. Dunbar's Sons, pack thousands of cans every year, which meet with a ready sale in the North and West, where they are used principally as a desert fruit when oranges are out of season."

Too Little Saved.

Edward Atkinson, the economist is of opinion that 90 per cent., or nine out of ten of our people, spend nearly all they earn. There is, comparatively, but little saved for the rainy day. Out of the other ten per cent., some save sufficient to protect themselves from want, and the remainder acquire independence. There is an absurd idea abroad that expenditure, and lavish expenditure too, is good for trade, and that it is mean or shabby to save. The increase of population, competition, and expense of living must very soon break this delusion, if increasing information does not. So long as money is deposited in savings-banks or sound building societies or approved legitimate securities, there

can be no cramping to trade by saving the money being in useful circulation all the time.—*The Rand McNally Bankers' Monthly*.

There seems to be little reason to doubt the genuineness of the gold discoveries in Lower California. A new El Dorado, with gold by the ton in sight, is the description of the new fields given by prospectors hurriedly returning for supplies and anxious to get back to their claims. The mineral belt in which the gold is found is 200 miles long, the lower end being mostly copper, and the upper end, beginning about 100 miles south of the boundary line, largely composed of gold.—*Philadelphia Record*.

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THE county Board of Health has issued a notice requiring all premises in the county to be cleaned up and put in good sanitary condition at once, in order to be sure that warm weather may not catch us unprepared. The board will provide for occasional inspection to see that the order is complied with, and all persons are notified that they will be prosecuted if their premises are found in bad order.

THE annual nuisance incident to paying our taxes is again upon us. Whether we try to meet the collector on his appointed day for visiting our own town, or at his office in Orlando, it is often a question of hours of waiting for our turn to pay, and of standing ten or fifteen minutes or more while the book is searched for our property, while others wait for us. Very likely at the end of the day many have waited an hour or two for nothing and must do it all over again. It is quite time some way were found to enable the collector to deal with our increasing population in a more business-like manner. In older States it is customary for the collector to make out a bill of each man's taxes in advance, and send it to him. Then it is a matter of a few minutes' work to step up and hand bill and money to the collector or his clerk, and have the bill receipted and checked on a list provided for the purpose, without the delay of handling the cumbrous and complicated books of the assessor every time. Even if the bills were not sent out, they might be made out and filed so that it would be quick work to

find and receipt them, instead of having to make out each one while the crowd waits. But it would save money to the State, and make investment in Florida property much more desirable, if each owner could receive a bill of his taxes, which is nothing more than he expects of any business man to whom he owes money, and is the business-like way of going to work. Another reform that would greatly facilitate both assessment and collection, and which is already in successful operation in other States, is to put the assessment and collection of taxes on all property situated within incorporated towns, and personal property of residents, in the hands of local officers, to be collected with the town taxes. It is in the towns that the multiplicity of holdings, chiefly occurs which so overloads the county officers, and such property could be assessed much more equitably by local officers, who could also more easily collect the taxes, turning over the proper portions to State and county officers. The matter should be urged upon our coming legislature and relief secured if possible.

JOTTINGS.

Hon. T. B. Blackstone, president of the Chicago and Alton system, is at the Seminole.

Col. Sprague, a prominent capitalist of Brooklyn, N. Y., is at the Seminole for a few days.

Ex-Governor Stewart of Vermont and present congressman from that State, is at the Seminole.

Rev. W. H. Adams of Ann Arbor, Michigan, was in town on Wednesday, with a view to locating here.

Col. and Mrs. Fairbanks, after a pleasant stay will probably leave Winter Park for Vermont this week.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss Brooks of Cleveland, Ohio, left on the 20th for a trip to Silver Springs and down the Ocklawaha.

Rev. Mr. Hanabagh, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., stopping at the Seminole, conducted the evening service at White's Hall last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Crane of Carbondale, Penn., old time friends of Doctors

Alden and Crane, spent a few days of this week with their friends.

We shall all miss Prof. Bent's delightful music when he goes away and shall hope that he will return next season to delight us some more.

A special session of the executive committee of Rollins college was held on the 18th, at Mr. Lyman's house, at which many things for the good of the college were talked up and acted upon.

Mr. H. O. Armour, of the world famous firm of Armour & Co., and one of the largest owners in the Orange Belt R. R., is at Hotel Seminole for a few days. He expresses himself as perfectly delighted with Winter Park and surroundings.

Mr. J. M. Russell, for many years cashier of the Knowles Loom Works and private secretary to Mr. Knowles, is here accompanied by Mrs. Russell. Before he left Worcester he attended to buying and shipping an engine for the O. & W. P., which will probably arrive here this week and the road will start, never more to be interrupted we hope.

The German given at the hotel by Col. Paige on the night of the 19th was, as everything he undertakes, a success. It was led by Mr. Flint and Miss Smith. About fifteen couples danced it and the enjoyment was thorough. A nice collation was served about eleven o'clock. Those of us who danced feel like making our acknowledgements to Col. and Mrs. Paige, Mr. Flint and Miss Smith for a delightful evening.

Mr. Cleveland and party took dinner at the Seminole on the 21st. They were nicely entertained by mine host Paige and enjoyed themselves to the fullest. Mr. Cleveland has not changed much since he was here last year, but looks less careworn than he did then. We Winter Parkers certainly feel honored that this distinguished party should have selected our pretty town as one of their stopping places on their extensive trip through the South and to Cuba.

One of those heroic actions that make a person feel as though human nature were bright and noble occurred on the banks of Lake Virginia on last

Tuesday. The bright little son of Mrs. Tyler, Don, was playing sail a boat when he stepped off the landing and was in danger of drowning. Across the lake about a half mile off, John Mosher, a waiter at the hotel, was hunting; and hearing the shrieks of Arthur Richmond, who was playing with Don, Mr. Mosher dropped his gun, ran to the place and after a great deal of exertion got him out after he had sunk twice and was unconscious. He carried him up to Mrs. Tyler's house and after a long struggle, consciousness returned, and the boy is all right now. We understand that there is to be an effort made to present Mr. Mosher with a testimonial; he certainly deserves a splendid one for his was the act of a hero.

Hereditary Talent.

Mr. Joseph Jefferson has been engaged for a number of years upon his autobiography, which will soon begin to appear in the *Century*. No more interesting record of a life upon the stage could be laid before the American public, and Mr. Jefferson's personality is perhaps more sympathetic to the people of this country than that of any actor we have had. He is the fourth in a generation of actors, and with his children and grandchildren upon the stage, there are six generations of actors among the Jeffersons. The record which he has made of the early days of the American stage is said to be peculiarly interesting, especially the story of his travels as a boy in his father's company, when they would settle down for a season in a Western town and extemporize their own theater.

The autobiography will begin in the *Century* during the coming autumn, and the installments will be illustrated with a portrait gallery of distinguished actors.

Middle Georgia is being reclaimed from poverty to prosperity by the introduction of Bermuda grass, which was formerly considered a pest. Now, the farm set in Bermuda is a valuable possession. The grass has spread from Green county through Middle Georgia, and is growing more popular every day.

Voelcker found from analyses that in farm-yard manure which had been rotted for three months there were per ton twenty-four pounds of potash, six of phosphoric acid and fifteen of nitrogen. Allowing five cents a pound for the potash and phosphoric acid, and but ten cents for the nitrogen, the ton of manure will be worth three dollars.

Seven hundred and seventy-two thousand pineapples were gathered from one small field at Key Largo last season.

Orange County Sunday School Convention.

ORLANDO, FLA., MARCH, 1889.

The annual convention of the Orange county Sunday School Association will be held at Orlando, commencing Thursday evening, April 4th, and closing Friday evening, the 5th, 1889.

Every Sunday School in Orange county is invited and earnestly requested to send two delegates besides their Superintendent and Pastor.

An interesting program has been prepared, and all Sunday School workers will find this an occasion of inspiration and encouragement.

Delegates will please forward their names to Rev. J. Chris. Williams, and report at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, near the post-office, on arrival, where they will be received by the entertainment committee, and directed to homes provided for them.

The executive committee requests all Sunday Schools in the county to make this convention a special subject for prayer Sunday, April 3rd.

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Making a Home in Florida.

There is much common sense in small compass, in a letter recently addressed to the *Florida Agriculturist* by Mr. L. P. Southwick. Mr. Southwick, who describes himself as a Florida "cracker," says that in former days, before the stirring Northerner made his appearance, the people of Florida lived within themselves and were happy. They did not depend on the coming winter and its contingent of wealth-laden tourists for their daily bread. They had their cane patch, their corn patch, their gardens, their cotton fields and their bunch of cattle. These were never failing sources of revenue, and supplied their every want. Mr. Southwick believes that if past methods of home production were emulated, the State would quickly develop and the people would be prosperous. The fault is that settlers come so full of enthusiasm for the orange business that common sense, which would naturally lead to a diversity of crops, is entirely crowded out. His advice to the new comer is to fortify himself first with a good garden, sufficient to contain a sweet potato patch, producing tubers enough for his family the entire year. He should have a cane patch and a corn field of no Lilliputian proportions; he should also have a cassava patch, producing enough roots for his cow; he should make his garden furnish vegetables for every day in the year, and having prepared this fortification against starvation and hard times, he may commence work on his orange grove. This system of making a living first and a fortune, if possible, afterwards, contains the secret of success in Florida for persons of limited means.—*The South.*

A curculio proof plum does not exist. Spend your time and money shaking the best sorts twice a day over large cloths; catch the curculio and crush it. This is the only sure cure, and it is sure.—*Popular Gardening.*

It is said that more money has been spent by the United States Government in the investigation of the diseases that affect swine than of those which affect the human species.

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